

CAUCUS NEXT WEEK

Ohio Members Will Urge House Republicans to Meet.

REQUESTED BY PRESIDENT

Agreed Upon After Conference Over Administration Measures.

PLAN TO ARRANGE PROGRAM

Mr. Townsend, in Charge of Railroad Bill, Says Committee Will Meet Tomorrow.

A caucus of the republicans of the House is to be called for next week to arrange a program for putting through that body the administration measures now pending in Congress. This was agreed upon at the White House today. President Taft, who is desirous of getting something done as early as possible, will request the Ohio republicans in the House to take the steps in bringing about a caucus, to which, it is thought, there will be no objection, sentiment apparently favoring such a meeting.

The question of a caucus was taken up this morning, when Representatives Townsend and Hamilton Fish conferred with the President about the legislative situation. Both of these men favor a caucus, and suggested to the President that this was about the speediest way to secure action in a methodical manner. The same suggestion was made to the President last night by members of the Ohio delegation in the House. The President thought the caucus idea a good one, and will ask his Ohio friends to see to the calling of the gathering.

Concerned Over Bills.

President Taft showed particular solicitude about the interstate commerce railroad bill and the postal savings bank bill. He was told that there is no danger of any of his important measures before Congress, but that there has been more or less unavoidable delay in getting the bills before the House. By getting to work in earnest on the bills, he was able to map out a program that will be comparatively easy to follow.

Mr. Townsend, who has been in charge of the administration railroad bill in the House, said that his committee would meet tomorrow and he expected to take up at that time the question of reporting the bill and the postal savings bill to the House for consideration. The committee had agreed upon a bill and it was only necessary to whip it into detailed shape and report it to the House.

Mr. Townsend said he desired to produce as false an impression as possible. He had insisted upon no certain bill or form of a bill at no time has the President done this, he said, and he considered certain criticisms that had been made in the House.

What is known as the administration bill, he said, was prepared after great thought and care so that there might be something definite for Congress to proceed upon.

Ohio Republicans Impatient.

The Ohio republicans in the House are impatient over delays in legislation urged from the White House. They know how deeply interested the President has been in behalf of certain laws and how often he has directly and indirectly sought to start the ball rolling. The Senate republicans have been prompt in their wishes to the House and it is intended to correct this as early as possible.

All of the Ohio House republicans, with the exception of Representative Johnson, who was unavoidably detained, spent Sunday evening with the President, frantically with him as to the legislative situation. The President again told the delegation, which included the Ohio delegation, that he was upon them to a large extent in seeing that Congress keep the promises made in the campaign. He said that the platform of the Republican party is the platform of the President.

The railroad bill, the postal savings bill, the interstate commerce bill, and two battleships were emphasized by the President in his talks with the Ohio delegation. On all except two battleships the Ohio delegation has been prompt in their wishes to the House and it is intended to correct this as early as possible.

Kentuckian Gets Good Job.

Maurice H. Thatcher, a Kentuckian, was today nominated as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, taking the place made vacant by the resignation of ex-Senator Blackburn of the same state. Thatcher was backed by Senator Bradley for a federal job. Bradley wanted him to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission in place of George D. Baker. Other Kentuckians opposed Senator Bradley for this position and sought the district attorneyship in Kentucky. The President has been in a quandary what to do. The giving of the canal job to Thatcher has been the situation. Du Rello is to remain where he is for the present, at least, and he may stay permanently.

President Taft has pretty closely followed the recommendations of Senator Bradley in Kentucky. He has been very prompt in his wishes to the House and it is intended to correct this as early as possible.

Representative F. C. Tate was today nominated for another term as United States attorney for the northern district of Georgia. This is his second term. Charges were made against him to prevent this nomination, but they were found to be baseless.

Stone Is Exonerated.

Secretary MacVeagh of the Treasury will make a report to President Taft at tomorrow's meeting on the subject of the charges filed against William F. Stone, collector of the port of Baltimore. The report will completely exonerate Mr. Stone. It is expected that following this the President will again send to the Senate the nomination of the Maryland republican leader and that the nomination will be confirmed.

Representatives Pearce and Krommiller have recommended to the President the nomination of Dr. Ravenna as collector of the port of Baltimore, and this nomination is likely to be made within a short time.

Black Hand Murder in Ohio.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 28.—As the result of a Black Hand plot, John Jacobus shot and instantly killed John Smith on a boarding house in East Youngstown early today. Jacobus, his brother, Joe Jacobus, and Sam Goebie are held in the county jail here in connection with the murder.

ISSUE QUICKLY MET

Republican View of Maryland's Political Move.

SUPPRESSING NEGRO VOTE

Nullification of Fifteenth Amendment to Result in Reprisal.

LEADING DEMOCRATS OPPOSED

Senator Overman's Regrets—Senator Clay Says the Proposed Action Is Unconstitutional.

With undisguised delight, not to say a spirit of thankfulness, the republican congressional campaign managers view the proposed action of the Maryland legislature attempting to nullify the fifteenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States and disfranchise the negro voters of that state.

The affair will come directly within the purview of Congress for reprisal, and in that reprisal the republican campaign managers see great opportunities for political capital. For it is assured that the republican Congress will act swiftly and vigorously, making the issue plain and taking credit to the republican party for the action.

The effect upon the negro vote, which may wield the balance of power in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and the border states in the coming congressional election, and later in the presidential election, is not to be underestimated, say the politicians.

Reopening of Sectional Issue.

The republicans welcome as heaven-sent the reopening of the sectional issue, for to limit the republicans to a possible reopening of sectional issues in Congress, foreseeing certain crystallization of republican sentiment throughout the north and west, where it may be wavering.

"Here is promised verification of the old saying," remarked a republican today, "that the democratic party may always be counted upon to do the wrong thing at the right time. If Maryland proceeds as intended, it's a life-saver for us and means an assured republican majority in the next national House of Representatives."

To be sure, these early republican hopes may be nipped in the bud, as 'tis the season for unexpected results, by the national democratic leaders putting a quibble on the Maryland proposition, and the republican Congress are not blind to the possible results to the party and some healthy advice is likely to be given the Maryland radicals before long.

The statement published in Sunday's Star of Chairman Crumpacker of the Senate Judiciary Committee's intention to introduce a bill to reduce the representation of Maryland in the national House of Representatives if the constitutional amendment is pushed, attracted widespread attention.

Result of Discussion.

Democrats realize that this action would precipitate a violent discussion of sectional issues in Congress. While it is probably true, democrats said today, that Maryland might be willing to give up one member of the House in order to eliminate the negro vote, the interests of the national party are at stake, and must be taken into consideration.

Some leading democrats in Congress are outspoken against the proposed action of the Maryland legislature.

Senator Overman Sorry.

Senator Overman of North Carolina, a member of the Senate Judiciary committee, said: "I am very sorry that the question of the validity of the fifteenth amendment has been brought up in this way. I am not in favor of the Maryland idea at all, and do not think it would hold in any court."

"There may be doubt among many lawyers as to the validity of the adoption of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, but I think the republicans are not bound to observe these amendments, and I do not think the forcing of the issue as to their validity at this time will do any good for the cause of democracy."

Unconstitutional, Says Clay.

Senator Clay of Georgia said: "In my judgment, the plan proposed in Maryland, as I understand it, is clearly unconstitutional and would be held so in the courts."

"The proposal to exclude negroes from registration on account of the color of their skin to white men would be clearly violative of the fifteenth amendment. That amendment is supplementary to the fourteenth amendment and applies to state elections as well as to national and congressional elections. The fourteenth amendment, which guarantees the rights of citizenship, is not in violation of the Constitution."

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THE LATEST MARATHON.

BANK MEN ON GRID EIGHT MEN KILLED

Must Tell of Bribes Given Pittsburgh Councilmen. Result of Explosion Aboard U. S. Cruiser Charleston.

PROMISE TO GIVE FACTS AN INQUIRY INTO CAUSE

Only Three Resignations Expected at Council Meeting. Rear Admiral Hubbard's Flagship in Asiatic Fleet.

INDICTED MEN TO FIGHT TARGET PRACTICE ACCIDENT

Forty or More Have Confessed, But Others Declare They Are Innocent. Blows Out—Steel Stanchion Is Severed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 28.—This day is known as "bankers' day" in Pittsburgh. The district attorney is hearing officials and employees of the six city depositories tell what they know in reference to money being paid to city councilmen to secure the passage of bank ordinances in city councils during 1908.

At noon two bank officials had appeared in the district attorney's office. Detectives were rushed about the city during the morning by the county authorities. It is believed the officers were sent with appearance subpoenas for the bank employees and officials. All the banks under the fire of the district attorney's office are understood to have promised to come forward with sworn statements by tomorrow.

Awaiting Formal Summons.

Some of the bankers seen said the reason they have not appeared before the district attorney today is that they have not yet been officially notified to do so. This fact was admitted by the district attorney.

Though Judge Frazer was ready to listen to pleas of no defense, no present or former councilman came forward for the immunity bath process during the morning hours.

A meeting of city councils is called for tonight. Mayor Magee intimates that by three resignations will be handed in at the meeting. Other members of council now under indictment will not resign from that body, having declared themselves innocent of receiving bribes and will fight such charges, it is said.

After Men Higher Up.

Forty or more councilmen have confessed that they received money for the passage of the ordinance. Two bank presidents, one now serving a term in prison for receiving a bribe, have admitted that money was paid to have the ordinance passed. The grand jury wants to know who were the men "higher up" in the bribe giving and taking processes.

It has been asserted in various confessions now in the hands of the district attorney that the six city depositories provided a fund of \$102,500 to secure the passage of a bank ordinance which included an interest rate of only 2 per cent, whereas other reputable institutions made 4 per cent. The fund was to be used for the purpose of bribing the city councilmen, and just as binding on Maryland as they are upon any other state.

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SHARES IN REQUEST.

Mrs. Longworth a Beneficiary by Her Grandfather's Will.

BOSTON, March 28.—Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is a beneficiary in the will of her late grandfather, George C. Lee, a wealthy banker of this city, who died recently. The will, which was filed for probate today, directs that the income of one-half of the estate be paid to Mrs. Longworth, and the other half to her daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who is the widow of the late President Roosevelt's elder daughter is one. The estate is valued at several million dollars.

BIG GIFT ACCEPTED PUGH NAMED JUDGE

House Acts Favorably on Carnegie's Library Offer. Appointed by Taft to Police Court Place.

NOT LESS THAN \$30,000 FAVORED BY WICKERSHAM

Bill as Passed by Senate Had Limited to That Sum. Prosecuting Officer Had Backing of Many Congressmen.

BUILD AT TAKOMA PARK PRESIDENT LOSES NO TIME

Not More Than 10 Per Cent for Maintenance—District Day in the House. Directs That the Nomination Be Made Few Minutes After Receiving Attorney General's Recommendation.

The House today acted favorably on the Senate bill authorizing the Commissioners to accept a gift of \$30,000 from Andrew Carnegie for the construction of a branch library building at Takoma Park. The measure was amended in two particulars. As it passed the Senate, the Commissioners were specifically authorized to accept from Mr. Carnegie "not exceeding \$30,000."

An amendment offered by Representative Johnson of Kentucky was adopted making this language read "not less than \$30,000." The other amendment, offered by Representative Gardner of Michigan, which was adopted, provides that not more than 10 per cent of the cost of erecting the library shall be expended annually in maintenance.

Illinois Member Opposed.

The branch library bill was in charge of Representative Olcott of New York, who called it up as soon as the House resolved itself into committee of the whole for the consideration of District business. After he had explained its provisions, a brief speech in opposition was made by Representative Madden of Illinois, who insisted that the present Public Library at 9th street and New York avenue afforded sufficient facilities for all of the people of the District. This was denied by Mr. Olcott, Representative Goldfogle of New York, Representative Sulzer of New York and others in favor of the bill.

After some further discussion of the measure and the adoption of the two amendments in question it was laid aside with a vote of 181 yeas and 120 nays, which is equivalent to passage.

Street to Be Abandoned.

Without debate the House passed Senate bill 3282 authorizing the Commissioners to abandon 41st street northwest between Warren and Yuma streets, and providing that this portion of the street shall revert to the property fronting thereon.

The report on the measure says that "square 3728 and 1781, which abut on the portion of the street to be closed, have been acquired by the Commissioners and buildings have been erected on them."

The institution is known as the Immaculate Seminary, and it is understood that the authorities in charge of the seminary propose to increase the building and to develop the land under the direction of a skilled landscape gardener.

Pay for Common Labor.

The next bill called up was one introduced by Representative Nye of Minnesota, fixing \$2 a day for an eight-hour day as the price of common labor in the District. Nye made a plea for the day laborers who perform the low grade of labor.

"This," he said, "is an example of the kind of thing that is being done throughout the country so much the better."

Mr. Nye contended that it was almost impossible for a man to live on the wage of less than \$2 a day.

The bill was amended in a number of particulars, including a committee amendment providing that the bill should not prevent the Commissioners of the District from continuing in their employment at the same rate of pay which they are now receiving any laborers who have worked faithfully for the District for a long period of years or employing at the rate of \$2 a day any laborers who have been rendered less useful by reason of age or infirmity.

The House also considered a section two of the measure providing a penalty for violation.

The committee of the whole then rose and in the House the branch library bill, which had been laid aside with a favorable recommendation, was passed.

The House then took up the Commissioners' bill for uniform release receipts in the District of Columbia.

DUEL ENDS FATALITY.

Husband Shoots Unwelcome Visitor in His Home.

CHICAGO, March 28.—In a revolver duel between Rati Rocco and Fortunati Cirillo, at the latter's home here today, Rocco was killed and the latter was taken into custody, told the police she was awakened by the shots. She found Rocco's body in the kitchen, a pistol from which one shot had been fired still clasped in his right hand.

A weapon, supposedly belonging to Cirillo, from which four bullets had been discharged, was found in the room.

The shooting occurred at 10 o'clock, an hour when Cirillo was usually absent from home. According to Cirillo's eight-year-old daughter, Josephine, she set Rocco on the street, and the latter asked if her father was at home. The girl replied in the negative, whereupon, she says, Rocco went to the house.

Cirillo is said to have returned unexpectedly, and the shooting followed, after which the husband fled.

WRECK RESULTS IN FIRE.

Two Men Killed, Others Injured and Property Destroyed.

LIMA, Ohio, March 28.—Two men were instantly killed, one other fatally injured and a house burned to the ground as the result of a collision between two interurban electric trains near here yesterday. Both trains were destroyed.

The dead are: Pearl H. McPherson, Lima, motorman. Earl Rothrock, Lockington, expressman. James Risk, baggage man, Lima, was fatally injured and several of the passengers on both cars were seriously hurt.

The collision occurred at a place where the tracks curve around an untenanted house. Both cars were going at full speed and crashed into each other with terrific force. An exploding fire sent the wreckage into a blaze which communicated with the house and completely destroyed it.

Risk was electrocuted, while McPherson was literally mangled to pieces by being caught between the two cars.

Weather

Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tonight.

TWO CENTS.

VOTING TODAY IN IOWA.

Municipal Elections in Practically All Important Cities.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 28.—Practically every city in Iowa of any importance is holding a municipal election today, the greatest interest centering on the election of a mayor and a city commission form of government, which are Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Sioux City, Keokuk and Burlington.

Today's action was taken at a special meeting which was held in the city of Chicago to annex Gary. Should the towns object to being "annexed," a protest must be made by two-thirds of the voters and the protest upheld by the courts.

BIGGER CITY PROCLAIMED.

GARY, Ind., Annexes Three Suburban Municipalities.

GARY, Ind., March 28.—By the simple expedient of voting to extend the corporate limits of this city to include Hammond, East Chicago, and Indiana Harbor, the three last named cities, with an aggregated population of 70,000, were annexed to Gary by the city council today.

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